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## INTRODUCTION

On 5-7 November 2024, in Batumi, Ajara Autonomous Republic (Georgia), the **CPMR** will organize, in the framework of the project **PREP4BLUE**, and in partnership with the **CNR**, a pilot stakeholder assembly to showcase the role of research and innovation for the preservation and restoration of marine ecosystems and biodiversity in the Danube Delta and the Black Sea.

This Mission Ocean event is organised in collaboration with the Danube and Black Sea lighthouse and notably the **EcoDaLLi** project.

Through a world café format, stakeholders will co-create a specific roadmap fixing the priorities in terms of research and innovation for the preservation and restoration of the Black Sea and its connection to the Danube and the EU Mission Ocean & Waters. The roadmap will be incorporated into the Danube Innovation Strategic Action Plan, the main outcome of the project EcoDaLLi

Kindly hosted by the **Batumi State Maritime Academy**, this major event will gather relevant quadruple helix actors from the Black Sea and the Danube, and will help to connect Black Sea actors with the EU Mission Danube & Black Sea lighthouse.

Thematic tables of discussion will thus spark a debate on each topic of the roadmap, taking into consideration cross-cutting priorities:

***ROADMAP – Preservation and restoration of the Black Sea and its connection to the Danube and the Mission Ocean and Waters***

ROADMAP TOPICS – TABLES OF DISCUSSION
Table 1 – Water systems (river-sea connectivity)
Table 2 – Biodiversity
Table 3 – Climate change
Table 4 – Nature based solutions
Table 5 – Innovation ecosystem

# AGENDA

**Tuesday 5 November (afternoon)**

**Connecting Black Sea and Danube stakeholders to collaborate in the Mission Ocean and Waters:**

Through a panel discussion, gathering regional policy makers, researchers, NGOs, and business actors, this first session will present the main achievements of the implementation of the Mission Ocean and Waters in the Danube and Black Sea lighthouse, and cross-borders collaboration opportunities.

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<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b>
<b>15.30 - 15.50</b>	<b>SESSION 1: Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Welcome address by the <b>Rector of the Batumi State Maritime Academy</b> (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>- Keynote speech by <b>Chairman of Ajara Autonomous Republic</b> (<i>tbc</i>)</li></ul>
<b>15.50 – 16.30</b>	<b>SESSION 2: Navigating in the Mission Ocean Danube and Black Sea lighthouse</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation of Mission Ocean and Waters by <b>Ms Andreea Strachinescu</b>, Head of Unit DG MARE A.1 Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge &amp; Investment (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>- Highlights of the Danube and Black Sea lighthouse by <b>Ms Nadja Schlichenmaier</b>, coordinator of the project EcoDaLLi</li><li>- Presentation of the Innovation Actions in the Danube and Black Sea lighthouse by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <b>Mr Helmut Habersack</b> Danube4all Project (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>o <b>Mr Marton Pesel</b> DALIA Project</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Conclusions</li></ul> <p><i>Moderated by Ms Justine Brossard, Project and Policy Officer, CPMR</i></p>
<b>16.30 – 16.45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

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<b>16.45. 17.30</b>	<p><b>SESSION 3: Maximise cross-borders collaboration for the restoration of marine ecosystems and biodiversity in the Danube Delta and Black Sea.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Presentation of the outcomes of the Black Sea Stakeholder Conference in Moldova by <b>Ms Mihaela Mirea</b>, Coordinator – Black Sea Assistance Mechanism Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>- Perspective of collaboration from a Black Sea Regional Authority by a <b>representative from Tulcea County Council</b> (Romania) (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>- Cross-border collaboration with EU and non-EU regions, perspective from the Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace (Greece), by <b>representative from REMTH</b> (<i>tbc</i>)</li><li>- Mediterranean and Black Sea policy synergies, perspective from the Region of Emilia Romagna (Italy) on the Bologna Charter, by <b>representative from the region</b> (<i>tbc</i>)</li></ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Conclusions</li></ul> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Mr Stavros Kalognomos</b>, Executive Secretary of the CPMR Balkan and Black Sea Commission</i></p>
<b>17.30 – 20.00</b>	<b>Networking – walk-in dinner</b>

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## Wednesday 6 November – Full day

### Co-creating a roadmap to boost the implementation of the Mission Ocean and Waters in the Danube and Black Sea lighthouse:

Participants will provide their expertise to reflect on the main priorities of each topic of the roadmap, through a World Café format.

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**9.00 – 9.30**

**Arrival of the participants and welcome coffee**

**9.30 – 9.45**

**Introduction of the World Café**

**9.45 – 12.00**

**Participants will split in different groups to elaborate priorities of each topic of the roadmap.**

- Water systems (river-sea connectivity) – **Rapporteur** (*tbc*)
- Biodiversity – **Rapporteur** (*tbc*)
- Climate Change - **Rapporteur** (*tbc*)
- Nature-based solutions - **Rapporteur** (*tbc*)
- Innovation Ecosystem - **Rapporteur** (*tbc*)

**12.00 – 13.00**

**Lunch**

**13.00 – 15.00**

**Plenary session**

- Presentation by the rapporteurs of the sub-priorities identified in each table of discussion
- Participants will vote on 3 main sub-priorities per topic and adopt the roadmap, with the support of SLIDO

## Thursday 7 November – Full day

**Field visit to Kolkheti National Park (*tbc*)**